

## By Matter of One Scant Foot Army Missed a Prize Comedian

"Bud" Duncan, Too Short for West Point, Buried His Disappointment in Film.

### AFTER CAREER ON STAGE

Edged for Military Career  
Laughmaker Turns to Pictures for Solace.

If a certain well-known kind of rock had really been a gas, history declares that the late James McNeill Whistler would have died a retired officer of the United States army instead of one of America's greatest painters and cynics.

In an examination while a student at West Point Whistler defined the rock in question as a gas. The result was that he failed in his examination. And he was discharged from the Military Academy for his failure. That sent him to studying art in earnest, and led to his great career as a painter.

The motion pictures have something of the same sort to thank for a lot of more or less interesting amusement. Nature is responsible for the failure in this instance. Albert Edward Duncan was intended for the profession of arms.

He was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn and at the Berkley Military Institute, in New York. Things were going nicely for Albert Edward until it came time to take the examination for entrance to West Point. He passed all the severe scholastic tests, and then went in to see the doctor. They had trouble locating him at first—though he was some sort of a germ, probably.

**Just a Foot Shy.**

And then when he did find him they lost no time in throwing him out. He was a foot shy the required height for the prevailing style of cadets at West Point.

He was disgusted that he thought of committing suicide, and compromised by entering the box office of the Grand Opera House in Brooklyn where he dealt out tickets for a time in his earliest manner. Then he started out as a vaudeville player, and then as a comedian. He played in a London Music Hall, which gave Charlie Chaplin, Syd Chaplin, Billie Reeves and Billie Ritchie to the American public.

Then he created the part of Jeff in the musical comedy "Justified" and after several seasons met up with Lloyd V. Hamilton, started in with motion pictures with Hamilton and gave to the world the series of Ham and Bud comedies—Luncheon being the Bod of the team and as such known to picture audiences throughout the country.

That is how the army lost a good comedian, or the stage gained a valuable military strategist—nobody has yet been able to decide which is although probably both are right.

By the same token there is the slightest objection to the Kalem company's press agent using this story, with proper credit to The Times, because it has the unusual merit of being true and interesting at the same time.

**Mary Charleston Joins Essanay.**

Mary Charleston, who has been featured in innumerable productions by the Vitaphone, Lubin and Equitable companies, has joined the Essanay Company.

For her first production Miss Charleston will appear in "The Prince of Wales," which is to be directed by Marshall Neilan. Miss Charleston was given an enthusiastic reception by her many friends in New York.

E. K. Lincoln, has signed for another picture, "The Wolf of Wall Street," and will be directed by Frank Crane. Lincoln was engaged by William A. Brady to appear in a special "The Wolf of Wall Street" picture, which is to be produced and was persuaded to sign a contract for a second picture.

Marguerite Clayton of Essanay is learning to play the ukulele. So far the weird wall of the Hawaiian music has not been heard around the studio, but Miss Clayton promises—or threatens—that it will be shortly.

### Nebraskans Plan Outing.

The Nebraska State Association will hold its annual outing and family picnic Saturday afternoon, July 13, at Glen Echo Park. All Nebraskans in Washington are urged to attend.

### TODAY'S BEST FILMS

Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets—Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid in "The Selfish Woman" (Paramount-Lasky).

Strand, Ninth and D streets—Douglas Fairbanks in "The Good Bad Man" (Triangle-Fine Arts).

Garden, 433 Ninth street—Olga Petrova in "The Eternal Question" (Metro).

Central Park, Ninth, near G street—Wheeler Oakman and Kathryn Williams in "The Carpet of Bagdad," adapted from the story by Harold MacGrath (V. L. S. E.-Belasco).

Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue—Dustin Farnum in "The Iron Strain" (Triangle-Fine Arts).

Home, Twelfth and C streets northeast—Bessie Epton in "The Cycle of Fate" (V. L. S. E.-Belasco).

Olympic, 1431 U street—Alice Holman in "The Lotus Woman" (Kalem).

Orni Hawley and Earl Metcalfe in "The Nation's Peril" (V. L. S. E.-Lubin).

Hippodrome, Ninth street and New York avenue—Doris Pawn in "The Sting of Conscience" (Rex).

Crandall, Ninth and E streets—Holbrook Blinn in "The Weakness of Man" adapted from Tolstoy's "The Living Death" (World Film Corp.).

Savoy, Fourteenth street and Columbia road—Lionel Barrymore in "Dorian's Divorce" (Pathe).

Apollo, 64 H street northeast—Edna Wallace Hopper and Frank Sheridan in "The Perils of Divorce" (World Film Corp.).

Avenue Grand, 445 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—Blanche Sweet in "The Blacklist" (Paramount-Lasky).

Belasco, Lafayette Square—Twilight sleep motion pictures from Fieburg, Germany, for women only.

NOTE—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company, and not personal inspection, except in special cases.



JUNE CAPRICE.  
Portrait of new Fox star, who appears at Crandall's tomorrow in "Caprice of the Mountains."

## Helen Ware Headliner At Keith's This Week

Helen Ware, star of "The Third Degree" and other successes, presented a one-act play "Justified" as the headliner at Keith's last night.

Miss Ware gave to her vaudeville audience the same finished, sincere work which she has accorded to her other and more pretentious efforts.

"Justified" tells the story of a young wife, pursued to her place of employment by her thieving husband, his efforts to persuade and then to force her to help him rob her employer, who has already declared his love for the woman and been refused; and the subsequent unraveling of a tragic situation.

In Miss Ware's support are Charles Wyngate, who gives an excellent performance as the thief, and George D. McQuarrie in the role of the woman's employer.

The remainder of the midsummer bill is almost all-star worth. Craig Campbell in his repertoire of opera selections and ballads, and Hector McQuarrie in the role of the woman's employer.

Don Fong Gue and Harry Haw, children of the Orient, presented a pleasing and novel act in their line of American song and dance. Laddie Cliff the clever music hall comedian appeared in a series of songs and eccentric dances, and distinctive musical moments were found in the performance of Fleta Brown and Herbert Spencer.

Supporting these artists were a number of other acts.

### BELASCO.

The wide interest aroused last year by the public announcement and explanation of "Twilight Sleep" will, no doubt, be increased locally by the exhibition of illustrative pictures, with a lecture, at the Belasco this week.

Though numbers of magazine articles have been written describing this method, they all lack the intimate detail of the pictures now on exhibition. The lecture given by Dr. Percival L. Clark, under the auspices of the Modern Motherhood League, traces the development of medical science that led up to the perfection of the "Twilight Sleep" system in the Frauentlinik at Freiburg.

The pictures are the same that were shown last year, with a lecture by Dr. Kurt E. Schlonsing, who had an intimate acquaintance with the details of the Freiburg method from association with its originators.

During the week the pictures will be shown, with the explanatory lecture, at 2:30, 7:30, and 9 o'clock each afternoon and evening. Women only are allowed to attend, and women ushers have been specially engaged for the occasion.

### STRAND.

Despite the fact that the most of its audience cannot determine whether Douglas Fairbanks was writing a burlesque on the prevailing style of film melodrama when he turned out the scenario for "The Good Bad Man," they are all convinced that with Mr. Fairbanks playing the principal part the Triangle Company have made mighty good entertainment of the place.

The "good bad man," known simply as "Passing Through," to friends who do not care to inquire his real name, starts his career of crime by holding up a transcontinental express train for the purpose of robbing the conductor of his ticket punch. Likewise he holds up a gambling joint, makes the men put their watches on the table, and then grab them back again, the man getting the wrong case while paying the bandit.

The play is the most serious Mr. Fairbanks has yet played in film, despite the comedy and evening. Women only are allowed to attend, and women ushers have been specially engaged for the occasion.

Tomorrow and Thursday, Kathryn Williams with the star in the V. L. S. E. release, "Into the Primitive," and Friday and Saturday, the Triangle company present Robert Harron and Tully Marshall in "A Child of the Paris Streets."

### GARDEN.

An airplane and a battleship furnish the variations for the classic motion picture chase which are provided in "The Eternal Question," which the Metro Company presents. Olga Petrova at the Garden Theater this week. Like-

## PRESIDENT GREET'S ARGENTINE NATION

Wilson Expresses Good Feeling of Country on Occasion of Centennial Anniversary.

President Wilson today sent the following message of congratulation to the President of Argentina on the centennial anniversary in that country:

"His Excellency, the President of the Argentine Nation, Buenos Aires:

"In the name of the Government and the people of the United States and in my own, I send cordial congratulations on this, the centennial anniversary of the Argentine nation.

"In reviewing the friendly program of your country during its historic epoch the people of this country rejoice with Argentina on this memorable day, and unite in heartfelt wishes that the sister republic in South America may enjoy a long era of peace and prosperity, and that your excellency personally the assurance of my own high regard and good wishes."

### Park View Citizens Plan Improvements Celebration

Carnival plans are being prepared by members of the Park View Citizens' Association for a celebration to be held in September to commemorate opening of a new sixteen-room school building, and the paving of Georgia avenue from Irving street to Georgia avenue.

Members of the Park View Citizens' Association have been appointed to the various committees, and within the course of the next ten days a program will be announced.

ment of this popular amusement resort will this week feature an interesting variety of dramatic, comic, and scenic motion pictures, and these as well as the concerts and the dancing in the large pavilion overlooking the falls, are free to all who visit Great Falls.

At night the electrical illumination of this nature wonderland adds to the charm of the place.

Fast electric trains provide quick transportation to and from Great Falls, and today as well as every week day, many local and nearby social and church organizations hold their annual picnics here.

### GLEN ECHO

All the altitude records recorded on the thermometer during the last week have been more than equaled by the attendance figures at Glen Echo Park. While there is a regular patronage at the popular resort that doesn't take weather conditions into their calculations there is something about a spell of sultry weather that makes folks' thoughts turn toward the country and gives added charm to the attractions Glen Echo offers.

With its ample groves, playgrounds, picnic tables and scores of amusement devices the park offers plenty of diversion as well as a way to escape the heat of the city.

The popularity of the resort was amply demonstrated both Sunday and yesterday. Last night the dancers were filled early and late, while hundreds of others raced on the derby, coaster above the tree-tops, played in the midway, rode the carousel, and in short "did" all of the amusements. A number of outing parties kept everything going during the day.

### LYCEUM.

The comedy parts are in new hands at the Lyceum Theater this week. John V. Moore and Manny Beezer made their debut with the Lyceum Stock Company last night in an enjoyable two-act burlesque staged by Mr. Moore. The new dialect comedians brought plentiful applause from a large audience. Billy Hagen took charge of a double part and handled both cleverly.

The musical numbers are exceptionally lively this week. "Under the American Flag" was given so many encores that it seemed the end of the show would be interfered with.

### GREAT FALLS

The third series of concerts by an important section of the American Ladies' Orchestra, which are to be given this week at Great Falls, Va., was accorded an enthusiastic reception last evening. The week's program included one of entirely new musical selections. As an added attraction the manage-

## Concert Today

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Selection, "The Heart of Paddy Whack" Orlott  
Waltz, "Barcarole, from Tales of Hoffman" Hoffmann  
Excerpta from "Il Trovatore." Verdi  
Medley, Popular Melodies.....Remick  
Beach Club Musings.....Eine  
"The Star-Spangled Banner."

## KNIGHTS AND FRIENDS HOLD BEACH PICNIC

Hundreds Make Merry At Chesapeake Beach.

Washington council of the Knights of Columbus are holding their first field day and family reunion at Chesapeake Beach today. From the large crowds that invaded the special travel this morning the affair will be even more of a success than was anticipated.

Besides the many athletic events which have been arranged, there are to be many novel forms of entertainment. To the first man who asks a certain man the question, "Are you a Knight of Columbus?" will go a bright new dollar bill. Another man, a member of the Columbus Country Club, will hand out another dollar bill upon similar provocation.

The committee in charge of the feature athletic contest follows: P. F. Glancy, chairman; D. L. Sullivan, Walter E. Gray, John N. Tanager, John L. McClelland, G. A. Trapp, H. F. Gill, Jerome S. McKee, and G. J. Brilmeyer.

## SILVER SPRING HOLDS TWO-DAY CARNIVAL

Washingtonians Invited To Affair At Senator Lee's Home.

Silver Spring, Md., will begin a two-day carnival this afternoon on the lawn of Senator Blair Lee's home opposite the Silver Spring station of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The Ladies' Civic Society and the Volunteer Fire Company have joined forces in planning the affair. Athletic contests and freak races have been arranged. A large platform has been erected and a band engaged for the dancing.

Fourteen large booths have been put in place. Each represents some feature, and among them are included country store, fish pond, novelty gifts, candy, cake, ice cream, lunch counter, and other booths.

Admission to the grounds is free. The promoters of the carnival have invited Washington folk to patronize the affair. The Girl Scouts will give a special drill and demonstration of first-aid work both this evening and tomorrow evening.

## Turk Pushes Over Bust At Independence Hall

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—Andrew Panos, 31 years old, who was born in Turkey, was arrested yesterday afternoon just after pushing over a bronze bust of William Payne, the Revolutionary author, in Independence Hall.

According to Reserve Policeman Leutewine, Panos acted in a suspicious manner during the entire time he was in the hall. While on the first floor he closely examined the historic relics and continuously cast glances to the right and left. Thinking perhaps he was up to some mischief Leutewine followed him to the second floor, where he saw him walk to the pedestal on which the bust was placed and give it a push.

Panos was sent to City Hall. When questioned, however, he would give no reason for his act. Why he selected the bust of Payne, who was generally regarded as a free-thinker in religious matters, is a mystery. The man said he lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is charged with malicious mischief and will have a hearing this morning.

## FORM ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT PHTHISIS

The National Tuberculosis Hospital Association Is Incorporated, With Offices Here.

A new corporation taking the name of "The National Tuberculosis Hospital Association" has just been formed. The home office of this new organization will be located in Washington.

The particular business and object of the association is "to raise money by public and private subscription to build and maintain a group of hospitals, with dispensaries attached thereto, through the Atlantic Seaboard States, where most indigent tubercular patients, primarily among the negro race."

There are to be five directors of the organization for the first year, and more should the growth of the corporation demand them.

The organization is the result of a

chain of circumstances. In 1918 the Bureau of Investigation, a commercial institution, became interested in tuberculosis and its prevention. As a result the founders of the present organization started an investigation among the poor of the negro race, in connection with tuberculosis. It was found that upon taking into consideration all the facts, from information obtained through the investigation, the transmission of the disease in many cases was traced to the colored race, especially in city life.

The society thinks that it is impracticable to stamp out tuberculosis by education alone with the poor and ignorant. They have decided that it is important from an educational standpoint for the public to know by what means the disease is carried from person to person, and the best way to guard against it.

## Colored Men to Discuss Organization of a Party

To discuss problems of vital interest to their race prominent colored people will meet in congress at the Cosmothen Baptist Church August 8, 9, and 10. They will decide whether it is advisable for them to organize a political party in the United States, and what Presidential candidate they will support at the coming election. The congress is to be held at the quarterly meeting of the National Evangelical Ministers' Alliance of America.

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